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In Reply Refer to: 2710 (LLNVS00520)

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area which describes and analyzes the potential environmental impacts of six alternatives for the final boundary of the Upper Las Vegas Wash Conservation Transfer Area (CTA) managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The BLM, Las Vegas Field Office is the lead agency for the SEIS with cooperation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Highway Administration, Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, City of Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada Department of Transportation, and the City of North Las Vegas. The Draft SEIS describes and analyzes possible boundary adjustments to the CTA referenced in the 2004 Final Las Vegas Valley Disposal Boundary Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision. The SEIS is being prepared because of the significance of paleontological, botanical, hydrological, and cultural resources present within the CTA study area and the need for additional analysis and public input to establish a final boundary. The decision for a final CTA boundary was not made in the FEIS Record of Decision. Six alternatives for boundaries are analyzed, ranging from approximately 13,000 acres to less than 1,500 acres.

Comments regarding the Draft SEIS will be accepted for 60 days following the publication of the Notice of Availability (NOA) of this Draft SEIS in the Federal Register. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- BLM Web Site: http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html
- Email: NV_SNDO_Planning@blm.gov
- Fax: 702-515-5023
- Mail: Bob Ross, Field Manager, BLM Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301

Copies of the documents may be picked up at the BLM Southern Nevada District Office or downloaded from the BLM web site at the addresses above.

Three public meetings to accept comments will be conducted. Dates, times, and locations will be made public via news release, local media outlets, and on the BLM Southern Nevada District Office website (http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html).

All comments received during the 60 day public comment period will be fully considered and evaluated for preparation of the Final SEIS. The BLM appreciates your interest in this project. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Gayle Marrs-Smith, SEIS Project Manager (702) 515-5156.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure